

FRANKLIN COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

Audited Financial Statements and Special Reports
For the Year Ended September 30, 2019

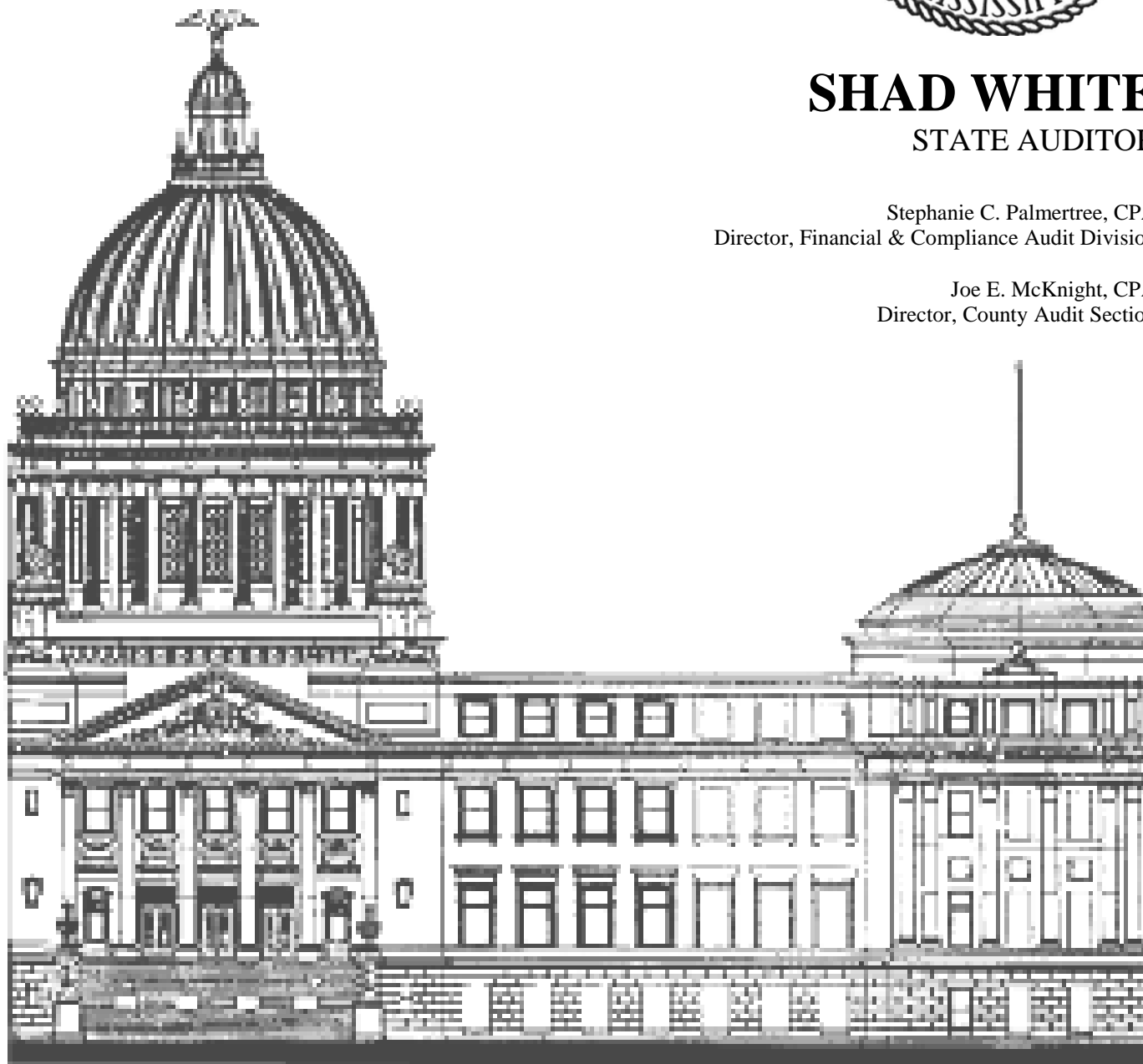


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AUDITOR

April 12, 2021

Members of the Board of Supervisors
Franklin County, Mississippi

Dear Board Members:

I am pleased to submit to you the 2019 financial and compliance audit report for Franklin County. This audit was performed pursuant to Section 7-7-211(e), Mississippi Code Ann. (1972). The audit was performed in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

I appreciate the cooperation and courtesy extended by the officials and employees of Franklin County throughout the audit. Thank you for working to move Mississippi forward by serving as a supervisor for Franklin County. If I or this office can be of any further assistance, please contact me or Joe McKnight of my staff at (601) 576-2674.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shad White", enclosed within a large, loopy oval shape.

Shad White

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FINANCIAL SECTION

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Members of the Board of Supervisors
Franklin County, Mississippi

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying cash basis financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Franklin County, Mississippi, (the County) as of and for the year ended September 30, 2019, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the basic financial statements of the County's primary government as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with the cash basis of accounting, as described in Note 1. This includes determining that the cash basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for the preparation of the financial statements in the circumstances. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Basis for Adverse Opinion on the Aggregate Discretely Presented Component Units

The financial statements do not include financial data for the County's legally separate component units. Accounting principles applicable to the County's cash basis of accounting require the financial data for those component units to be reported with the financial data of the County's primary government unless the County also issues financial statements for the financial reporting entity that include the financial data for its component units. The County has not issued such reporting entity financial statements. The amount by which this departure would affect the cash basis assets, net position, receipts, and disbursements of the aggregate discretely presented component units is not reasonably determinable.

Adverse Opinion

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the "Basis for Adverse Opinion on the Aggregate Discretely Presented Component Units" paragraph, the financial statements referred to above do not present fairly the cash basis financial position of the aggregate discretely presented component units of Franklin County, Mississippi, as of September 30, 2019, or the changes in cash basis financial position thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles applicable to the County's cash basis of accounting.

Unmodified Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective cash basis financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Franklin County, Mississippi, as of September 30, 2019, and the respective changes in cash basis financial position thereof for the year then ended, in accordance with the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 1 of the financial statements which describes that Franklin County, Mississippi prepares its financial statements on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinions are not modified with respect to this matter.

Other Matters

Report on Other Information

The Budgetary Comparison Schedules, Schedule of Investments, Schedule of Interfund Loans, Schedule of Capital Assets, Schedule of Changes in Long-term Debt, Schedule of Surety Bonds for County Officials and corresponding notes have not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements, and accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on them.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated April 12, 2021 on our consideration of Franklin County, Mississippi's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of Franklin County, Mississippi's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering Franklin County, Mississippi's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



JOE E. MCKNIGHT, CPA
Director, County Audit Section

April 12, 2021

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FRANKLIN COUNTY
Statement of Net Position - Cash Basis
September 30, 2019

Exhibit 1

	Primary Government		Total
	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	
ASSETS			
Cash	\$ 5,710,205	41,690	5,751,895
Total Assets	<u>5,710,205</u>	<u>41,690</u>	<u>5,751,895</u>
NET POSITION			
Restricted:			
Expendable:			
General government	128,086		128,086
Public safety	948,717		948,717
Public works	2,996,223	41,690	3,037,913
Health and welfare	1,094,378		1,094,378
Debt service	56,238		56,238
Unemployment compensation	21,248		21,248
Unrestricted	465,315		465,315
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 5,710,205</u>	<u>41,690</u>	<u>5,751,895</u>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

FRANKLIN COUNTY
Statement of Activities - Cash Basis
For the Year Ended September 30, 2019

Exhibit 2

Functions/Programs	Program Cash Receipts			Net (Disbursements) Receipts and Changes in Net Position		
	Cash Disbursements	Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Primary Government Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
Primary government:						
Governmental activities:						
General government	\$ 1,762,168	317,709	47,158	(1,397,301)		(1,397,301)
Public safety	816,837	112,424	53,974	(650,439)		(650,439)
Public works	2,037,171		1,699,980	(337,191)		(337,191)
Health and welfare	76,556		6,611	(69,945)		(69,945)
Education	335,875		341,932	6,057		6,057
Conservation of natural resources	69,718			(69,718)		(69,718)
Economic development and assistance	5,302			(5,302)		(5,302)
Debt service:						
Principal	306,864			(306,864)		(306,864)
Interest	35,097			(35,097)		(35,097)
Total Governmental Activities	<u>5,445,588</u>	<u>430,133</u>	<u>2,149,655</u>	<u>(2,865,800)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(2,865,800)</u>
Business-type activities:						
Solid Waste	<u>1,057,572</u>	<u>609,124</u>			<u>(448,448)</u>	<u>(448,448)</u>
Total Business-type Activities	<u>1,057,572</u>	<u>609,124</u>	<u>0</u>		<u>(448,448)</u>	<u>(448,448)</u>
Total Primary Government	<u>\$ 6,503,160</u>	<u>1,039,257</u>	<u>2,149,655</u>	<u>(2,865,800)</u>	<u>(448,448)</u>	<u>(3,314,248)</u>
General receipts:						
Property taxes				3,126,672	249,347	3,376,019
Road & bridge privilege taxes				114,486		114,486
Grants and contributions not restricted to specific programs				492,550	9,516	502,066
Unrestricted interest income				58,728	801	59,529
Miscellaneous				66,777	39	66,816
Proceeds from debt issuance				45,000	332,400	377,400
Sale of county property				5,300		5,300
Transfers				101,965	(101,965)	0
Total General Receipts, Other Cash Sources and Transfers				<u>4,011,478</u>	<u>490,138</u>	<u>4,501,616</u>
Changes in Net Position				1,145,678	41,690	1,187,368
Net Position - Beginning				<u>4,564,527</u>		<u>4,564,527</u>
Net Position - Ending				<u>5,710,205</u>	<u>41,690</u>	<u>5,751,895</u>

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Exhibit 3

Statement of Cash Basis Assets and Fund Balances

Governmental Funds

September 30, 2019

	<u>Major Funds</u>		<u>Other Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Hospital Contingency Fund</u>		
ASSETS				
Cash	\$ 557,535	1,094,378	4,058,292	5,710,205
Total Assets	<u>\$ 557,535</u>	<u>1,094,378</u>	<u>4,058,292</u>	<u>5,710,205</u>
FUND BALANCES				
Restricted for:				
General government	\$		128,086	128,086
Public safety			948,717	948,717
Public works			2,996,223	2,996,223
Health and welfare		1,094,378		1,094,378
Debt service			56,238	56,238
Unemployment compensation			21,248	21,248
Unassigned	557,535		(92,220)	465,315
Total Fund Balances	<u>\$ 557,535</u>	<u>1,094,378</u>	<u>4,058,292</u>	<u>5,710,205</u>

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Exhibit 4

Statement of Cash Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Cash Basis Fund Balances - Governmental Funds

For the Year Ended September 30, 2019

	Major Funds			
	General Fund	Hospital Contingency Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
RECEIPTS				
Property taxes	\$ 1,664,939	81,607	1,380,126	3,126,672
Road and bridge privilege taxes			114,486	114,486
Licenses, commissions and other receipts	86,860		1,219	88,079
Fines and forfeitures	239,839		6,715	246,554
Intergovernmental receipts	831,606	1,410	1,809,189	2,642,205
Charges for services	3,740		91,760	95,500
Interest income	9,871	10,549	38,308	58,728
Miscellaneous receipts	30,102		36,675	66,777
Total Receipts	<u>2,866,957</u>	<u>93,566</u>	<u>3,478,478</u>	<u>6,439,001</u>
DISBURSEMENTS				
General government	1,693,766		68,402	1,762,168
Public safety	687,133		129,704	816,837
Public works			2,037,171	2,037,171
Health and welfare	60,067	13,094	3,395	76,556
Education	335,875			335,875
Conservation of natural resources	69,718			69,718
Economic development and assistance	5,302			5,302
Debt service:				
Principal			306,864	306,864
Interest			35,097	35,097
Total Disbursements	<u>2,851,861</u>	<u>13,094</u>	<u>2,580,633</u>	<u>5,445,588</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Receipts over (under) Disbursements	<u>15,096</u>	<u>80,472</u>	<u>897,845</u>	<u>993,413</u>
OTHER CASH SOURCES (USES)				
Proceeds from long-term debt issuance			45,000	45,000
Sale of county property	700		4,600	5,300
Transfers in	101,965			101,965
Total Other Cash Sources and Uses	<u>102,665</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>49,600</u>	<u>152,265</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Receipts and other Cash Sources over (under) Disbursements and other Cash Uses	<u>117,761</u>	<u>80,472</u>	<u>947,445</u>	<u>1,145,678</u>
Cash Basis Fund Balances - Beginning	<u>439,774</u>	<u>1,013,906</u>	<u>3,110,847</u>	<u>4,564,527</u>
Cash Basis Fund Balances - Ending	<u>\$ 557,535</u>	<u>1,094,378</u>	<u>4,058,292</u>	<u>5,710,205</u>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

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Statement of Net Position - Cash Basis - Proprietary Fund
September 30, 2019

Exhibit 5

	Business-type Activities - Enterprise Fund
	Sanitation and Waste Removal Fund
ASSETS	
Cash	\$ 41,690
Total Assets	<u>41,690</u>
NET POSITION	
Restricted for:	
Public works	41,690
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 41,690</u>

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Exhibit 6Statement of Cash Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Net Position - Proprietary Fund
For the Year Ended September 30, 2019

	Business-type Activities - Enterprise Fund Sanitation and Waste Removal Fund
Operating Receipts	
Charges for services	\$ 609,124
Miscellaneous	39
Total Operating Receipts	<u>609,163</u>
Operating Disbursements	
Personal services	196,065
Contractual services	471,842
Materials and supplies	<u>359,858</u>
Total Operating Disbursements	<u>1,027,765</u>
Operating Income (Loss)	<u>(418,602)</u>
Nonoperating Receipts (Disbursements)	
Property tax	249,347
Interest income	801
Intergovernmental grants	9,516
Proceeds from debt issuance	332,400
Principal paid	(25,611)
Interest expense	<u>(4,196)</u>
Net Nonoperating Receipts (Disbursements)	<u>562,257</u>
Net Income (Loss) Before Transfers	143,655
Transfers out	<u>(101,965)</u>
Changes in Net Position	41,690
Net Position - Beginning	<u>0</u>
Net Position - Ending	<u>\$ 41,690</u>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

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Statement of Fiduciary Assets and Liabilities - Cash Basis
September 30, 2019

Exhibit 7

	<u>Agency Funds</u>
ASSETS	
Cash	\$ <u>486,492</u>
Total Assets	\$ <u><u>486,492</u></u>
LIABILITIES	
Amounts held in custody for others	\$ <u>486,492</u>
Total Liabilities	\$ <u><u>486,492</u></u>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

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Notes to Financial Statements For the Year Ended September 30, 2019

(1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies.

A. Financial Reporting Entity.

Franklin County, Mississippi (the County), is a political subdivision of the State of Mississippi. The County is governed by an elected five-member Board of Supervisors. The financial statements of the County are presented on a cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as established by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. These accounting principles require Franklin County to present these financial statements on the primary government and its component units which have significant operational or financial relationships with the County.

Management has chosen to omit from these financial statements the following component units which have significant operational or financial relationships with the County. Accordingly, the financial statements do not include the data of all of the County's component units necessary for reporting in accordance with accounting principles applicable to the County's cash basis of accounting.

- Franklin County Memorial Hospital
- Okhissa Lake Sewer District

State law pertaining to county government provides for the independent election of county officials. The following elected and appointed officials are all part of the County legal entity and therefore are reported as part of the primary government financial statements.

- Board of Supervisors
- Chancery Clerk
- Circuit Clerk
- Justice Court Clerk
- Purchase Clerk
- Tax Assessor-Collector
- Sheriff

B. Basis of Presentation.

The County's basic financial statements consist of government-wide statements, including a Statement of Net Position – Cash Basis and a Statement of Activities – Cash Basis, fund financial statements and accompanying note disclosures which provide a detailed level of financial information.

Government-wide Financial Statements:

The Statement of Net Position – Cash Basis and Statement of Activities – Cash Basis display information concerning the County as a whole. The statements include all nonfiduciary activities of the primary government. For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements. Governmental activities are generally financed through taxes, intergovernmental receipts and other nonexchange receipts and are reported separately from business-type activities. Business-type activities rely mainly on fees and charges for support.

The Statement of Net Position – Cash Basis presents the financial condition of the governmental activities and business-type activities of the County at year-end. The Government-wide Statement of Activities – Cash Basis presents a comparison between direct disbursements and program receipts for each function or program of the County's governmental activities and business-type activities. Direct disbursements are those that are specifically associated with a service, program or department and therefore, are clearly identifiable to a particular function. Program receipts include charges paid by the recipient of the goods or services offered by the program, grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Taxes and other receipts not classified as program receipts are presented as general

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receipts of the County, with certain limited exceptions. The comparison of direct disbursements with program receipts identifies the extent to which each business-type activity or governmental function is self-financing or draws from the general receipts of the County.

Fund Financial Statements:

Fund financial statements of the County are organized into funds, each of which is considered to be separate accounting entities. Each fund is accounted for by providing a separate set of self-balancing accounts that constitute its assets, fund balances, receipts and disbursements. Funds are organized into governmental, proprietary and fiduciary. Major individual Governmental Funds and major individual Enterprise Funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements. Nonmajor funds are aggregated and presented in a single column as Other Governmental Funds.

C. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting.

The Government-wide, Governmental Funds, Proprietary Funds and Fiduciary Funds financial statements are presented on a cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as established by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. This basis of accounting involves the reporting of only cash and cash equivalents and the changes therein resulting from cash inflows (cash receipts) and cash outflows (cash disbursements) reported in the period in which they occurred. This cash basis of accounting differs from GAAP primarily because revenues (cash receipts) are recognized when received in cash rather than when earned and susceptible to accrual, and expenditures or expenses (cash disbursements) are recognized when paid rather than when incurred or subject to accrual.

The County reports the following major Governmental Funds:

General Fund - This fund is used to account for and report all financial resources not accounted for and reported in another fund.

Hospital Contingency Fund – This fund is used to account for funds received for the benefit of the hospital.

The County reports the following major Enterprise Fund:

Sanitation and Waste Removal Fund – This fund is used to account for the County's activities of disposal of solid waste within the County.

Additionally, the County reports the following fund types:

GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES

Special Revenue Funds - These funds are used to account for and report the proceeds of specific cash sources that are restricted or committed to disbursement for specified purposes other than debt service or capital projects.

Debt Service Funds - These funds are used to account for and report financial resources that are restricted, committed, or assigned to disbursement for principal and interest.

PROPRIETARY FUND TYPE

Enterprise Funds - These funds are used to account for those operations that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises or where the County has decided that periodic determination of receipts collected, disbursements paid and/or net income is necessary for management accountability.

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Notes to Financial Statements For the Year Ended September 30, 2019

FIDUCIARY FUND TYPE

Agency Funds - These funds account for various taxes, deposits and other monies collected or held by the County, acting in the capacity of an agent, for distribution to other governmental units or designated beneficiaries.

D. Account Classifications.

The account classification used in the financial statements conform to the broad classifications recommended in *Governmental Accounting, Auditing and Financial Reporting* as issued in 2012 by the Government Finance Officers Association.

E. Deposits and Investments.

State law authorizes the County to invest in interest bearing time certificates of deposit for periods of fourteen days to one year with depositories and in obligations of the U.S. Treasury, State of Mississippi, or any county, municipality or school district of this state. Further, the County may invest in certain repurchase agreements.

Cash includes cash on hand, demand deposits, all certificates of deposit and cash equivalents, which are short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to cash (generally three months or less).

F. Equity Classifications.

Government-wide Financial Statements:

Equity is classified as net position and displayed in two components:

Restricted net position - Consists of net position with constraints placed on the use either by external groups such as creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws and regulations of other governments; or law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Unrestricted net position - All other net position not meeting the definition of "restricted."

Net Position Flow Assumption:

When a disbursement is paid for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted (committed, assigned or unassigned) resources are available, it is the County's general policy to use restricted resources first. When disbursements are paid for purposes for which unrestricted (committed, assigned and unassigned) resources are available, and amounts in any of these unrestricted classifications could be used, it is the County's general policy to spend committed resources first, followed by assigned amounts, and then unassigned amounts.

Fund Financial Statements:

Fund balances for governmental funds are reported in classifications that comprise a hierarchy based primarily on the extent to which the government is bound to honor constraints on the specific purposes for which amounts in those funds can be spent.

Governmental fund balance is classified as nonspendable, restricted, committed, assigned or unassigned. The following are descriptions of fund classifications used by the County:

Restricted fund balance includes amounts that have constraints placed upon the use of the resources either by an external party or imposed by law through a constitutional provision or enabling legislation.

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Notes to Financial Statements For the Year Ended September 30, 2019

Unassigned fund balance is the residual classification for the General Fund. This classification represents fund balance that has not been assigned to other funds and that has not been restricted, committed or assigned to specific purposes within the General Fund. The General Fund should be the only fund that reports a positive unassigned fund balance amount. In other governmental funds if disbursements paid for specific purposes exceeded the amounts restricted, committed or assigned to those purposes, it may be necessary to report a negative unassigned fund balance.

Fund Balance Flow Assumption:

When a disbursement is paid for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted (committed, assigned or unassigned) resources are available, it is the County's general policy to use restricted resources first. When disbursements are paid for purposes for which unrestricted (committed, assigned and unassigned) resources are available, and amounts in any of these unrestricted classifications could be used, it is the County's general policy to spend committed resources first, followed by assigned amounts, and then unassigned amounts.

G. Property Tax Receipts.

Numerous statutes exist under which the Board of Supervisors may levy property taxes. The selection of authorities is made based on the objectives and responsibilities of the County. Restrictions associated with property tax levies vary with the statutory authority. The amount of increase in certain property taxes is limited by state law. Generally, this restriction provides that these tax levies shall produce no more than 110% of the amount which resulted from the assessments of the previous year.

The Board of Supervisors, each year at a meeting in September, levies property taxes for the ensuing fiscal year which begins on October 1. Real property taxes become a lien on January 1 of the current year, and personal property taxes become a lien on March 1 of the current year. Taxes on both real and personal property, however, are due on or before February 1 of the next succeeding year. Taxes on motor vehicles and mobile homes become a lien and are due in the month that coincides with the month of original purchase. All property taxes are recognized as receipts when collected.

(2) Deposits.

The carrying amount of the County's total deposits with financial institutions at September 30, 2019, was \$6,238,387, and the bank balance was \$6,006,138. The collateral for public entities' deposits in financial institutions is held in the name of the State Treasurer under a program established by the Mississippi State Legislature and is governed by Section 27-105-5, Miss. Code Ann. (1972). Under this program, the entity's funds are protected through a collateral pool administered by the State Treasurer. Financial institutions holding deposits of public funds must pledge securities as collateral against those deposits. In the event of failure of a financial institution, securities pledged by that institution would be liquidated by the State Treasurer to replace the public deposits not covered by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC).

Custodial Credit Risk - Deposits. Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of the failure of a financial institution, the County will not be able to recover deposits or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The County does not have a formal policy for custodial credit risk. In the event of failure of a financial institution, securities pledged by that institution would be liquidated by the State Treasurer to replace the public deposits not covered by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC). Deposits above FDIC coverage are collateralized by the pledging financial institution's trust department or agent in the name of the Mississippi State Treasurer on behalf of the County.

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Notes to Financial Statements For the Year Ended September 30, 2019

(3) Interfund Transfers.

The following is a summary of interfund transfers at September 30, 2019:

Transfers In/Out:

<u>Transfers In</u>	<u>Transfers Out</u>	<u>Amount</u>
General Fund	Sanitation and Waste Removal Fund	\$ <u>101,965</u>

The principal purpose of the interfund transfer was to close out an interfund loan made between the General Fund and the Sanitation and Waste Removal Fund.

(4) Claims and Judgments.

Risk Financing.

The County finances its exposure to risk of loss related to workers' compensation for injuries to its employees through the Mississippi Public Entity Workers' Compensation Trust, a public entity risk pool. The County pays premiums to the pool for its workers' compensation insurance coverage, and the participation agreement provides that the pool will be self-sustaining through member premiums. The retention for the pool is \$1,000,000 for each accident and completely covers statutory limits set by the Workers' Compensation Commission. Risk of loss is remote for claims exceeding the pool's retention liability. However, the pool also has catastrophic reinsurance coverage for statutory limits above the pool's retention, provided by Safety National Casualty Corporation, effective from January 1, 2019, to January 1, 2020. The pool may make an overall supplemental assessment or declare a refund depending on the loss experience of all the entities it insures.

(5) Contingencies.

Federal Grants - The County has received federal grants for specific purposes that are subject to audit by the grantor agencies. Entitlements to these resources are generally conditional upon compliance with the terms and conditions of grant agreements and applicable federal regulations, including the disbursements of resources for allowable purposes. The County may be responsible for any disallowances.

Litigation - The County is party to legal proceedings, many of which occur in the normal course of governmental operations. It is not possible at the present time to estimate ultimate outcome or liability, if any, of the County with respect to the various proceedings. However, the County's legal counsel believes that ultimate liability resulting from these lawsuits will not have a material adverse effect on the financial condition of the County.

(6) Jointly Governed Organizations.

The County participates in the following jointly governed organizations:

Copiah Lincoln Community College operates in a district composed of the counties of Adams, Copiah, Franklin, Jefferson, Lawrence, Lincoln, and Simpson. The Franklin County Board of Supervisors appoints two of the 27 members of the college board of trustees. The County contributed \$176,758 for maintenance and support of the district in fiscal year 2019.

Southwest Mississippi Planning and Development District operates in a district composed of the counties of Adams, Amite, Claiborne, Franklin, Jefferson, Lawrence, Lincoln, Pike, Walthall and Wilkinson. The Franklin County Board of Supervisors appoints four of the 40 members of the board of directors. The County contributed \$18,104 for support of the district in fiscal year 2019.

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Southwest Mississippi Mental Health Complex operates in a district composed of the counties of Adams, Amite, Claiborne, Franklin, Jefferson, Lawrence, Lincoln, Pike, Walthall and Wilkinson. The Franklin County Board of Supervisors appoints one of the 10 members of the board of commissioners. The County contributed \$18,000 for its support in fiscal year 2019.

Southwest Mississippi Partnership operates in a district composed of the counties of Adams, Amite, Claiborne, Franklin, Jefferson, Lawrence, Lincoln, Pike, Walthall and Wilkinson. The entity is governed by ten members, appointed by each County's lead industrial foundation or chamber of commerce. If no industrial foundation or chamber of commerce is present, the member is appointed by the County's Board of Supervisors. The County contributed \$1,624 for its support in fiscal year 2019.

(7) Defined Benefit Pension Plan.

Plan Description. Franklin County, Mississippi, contributes to the Public Employees' Retirement System of Mississippi (PERS), a cost-sharing, multiple-employer, defined benefit pension plan. PERS provides retirement and disability benefits, annual cost-of-living adjustments and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Plan provisions and the Board of Trustees' authority to determine contribution rates are established by Miss. Code Ann. Section 25-11-1 et seq., (1972, as amended) and may be amended only by the State of Mississippi Legislature. PERS issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. That information may be obtained by writing to Public Employees' Retirement System, PERS Building, 429 Mississippi Street, Jackson, MS 39201-1005 or by calling 1-800-444-PERS.

Funding Policy. At September 30, 2019, PERS members were required to contribute 9% of their annual covered salary, and the County is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The rate at September 30, 2019 was 17.40% of annual covered payroll. The contribution requirements of PERS members are established and may be amended only by the State of Mississippi Legislature. The County's contributions (employer share only) to PERS for the years ending September 30, 2019, 2018 and 2017 were \$303,151, \$300,087 and \$294,903, respectively, equal to the required contributions for each year.

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FRANKLIN COUNTY
 Budgetary Comparison Schedule -
 Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP Basis)
 General Fund
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	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual (Budgetary Basis)	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
RECEIPTS				
Property taxes	\$ 1,767,150	1,664,939	1,664,939	
Licenses, commissions and other receipts	71,300	86,860	86,860	
Fines and forfeitures	214,500	239,839	239,839	
Intergovernmental receipts	719,600	831,606	831,606	
Charges for services	1,000	3,740	3,740	
Interest income	5,600	9,871	9,871	
Miscellaneous receipts	17,050	30,102	30,102	
Total Receipts	<u>2,796,200</u>	<u>2,866,957</u>	<u>2,866,957</u>	<u>0</u>
DISBURSEMENTS				
Current:				
General government	1,788,355	1,693,766	1,693,766	
Public safety	804,733	687,133	687,133	
Health and welfare	56,522	60,067	60,067	
Education		335,875	335,875	
Conservation of natural resources	68,885	69,718	69,718	
Economic development and assistance	7,002	5,302	5,302	
Total Disbursements	<u>2,725,497</u>	<u>2,851,861</u>	<u>2,851,861</u>	<u>0</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Receipts over (under) Disbursements	<u>70,703</u>	<u>15,096</u>	<u>15,096</u>	<u>0</u>
OTHER CASH SOURCES (USES)				
Sale of county property		700	700	
Transfers in		101,965	101,965	
Total Other Cash Sources and Uses	<u>0</u>	<u>102,665</u>	<u>102,665</u>	<u>0</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Receipts and other Cash Sources over (under) Disbursements and other Cash Uses	<u>70,703</u>	<u>117,761</u>	<u>117,761</u>	<u>0</u>
Cash Basis Fund Balances - Beginning	<u>651,649</u>	<u>439,774</u>	<u>439,774</u>	<u>0</u>
Cash Basis Fund Balances - Ending	<u>\$ 722,352</u>	<u>557,535</u>	<u>557,535</u>	<u>0</u>

The accompanying notes to the Other Information are an integral part of this schedule.

FRANKLIN COUNTY
 Budgetary Comparison Schedule -
 Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP Basis)
 Hospital Contingency Fund
 For the Year Ended September 30, 2019
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	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual (Budgetary Basis)	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
RECEIPTS				
Property taxes	\$ 72,000	81,607	81,607	
Intergovernmental receipts	1,000	1,410	1,410	
Interest income	5,500	10,549	10,549	
Total Receipts	<u>78,500</u>	<u>93,566</u>	<u>93,566</u>	<u>0</u>
DISBURSEMENTS				
Current:				
Health and welfare	<u>14,000</u>	<u>13,094</u>	<u>13,094</u>	
Total Disbursements	<u>14,000</u>	<u>13,094</u>	<u>13,094</u>	<u>0</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Receipts over (under) Disbursements	64,500	80,472	80,472	0
Cash Basis Fund Balances - Beginning	<u>1,092,200</u>	<u>1,013,906</u>	<u>1,013,906</u>	<u>0</u>
Cash Basis Fund Balances - Ending	<u>\$ 1,156,700</u>	<u>1,094,378</u>	<u>1,094,378</u>	<u>0</u>

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Schedule of Investments
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<u>Fund</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Maturity Date</u>	<u>October 1, 2018 Balance</u>	<u>Purchases</u>	<u>Redeemed Sales</u>	<u>September 30, 2019 Balance</u>
OTHER GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS						
	Hancock Horizon Treasury Securities Money Market Mutual Fund	Less than one year	\$ <u>123,660</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u>123,660</u>
TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS			\$ <u><u>123,660</u></u>	<u><u>0</u></u>	<u><u>0</u></u>	<u><u>123,660</u></u>

FRANKLIN COUNTY
Schedule of Interfund Loans
For the Year Ended September 30, 2019
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The following is a summary of interfund balances at September 30, 2019:

A. Due From/To Other Funds:

<u>Receivable Fund</u>	<u>Payable Fund</u>	Balance at Sept. 30, 2019
Other Governmental Funds	Other Governmental Funds	\$ <u>91,798</u>

The receivable represents the correction of an error in posting receipts during the year. The interfund balance is expected to be repaid within one year from the date of the financial statements.

FRANKLIN COUNTY
Schedule of Capital Assets
For the Year Ended September 30, 2019
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Governmental activities:

	Balance Oct. 1, 2018	Additions	Deletions	Balance Sept. 30, 2019
Land	\$ 315,999	37,780	21,500	332,279
Infrastructure	2,953,998			2,953,998
Buildings	1,947,363		564,055	1,383,308
Improvements other than buildings	332,052			332,052
Mobile equipment	4,338,955		95,500	4,243,455
Furniture and equipment	1,231,987			1,231,987
Leased property under capital leases	240,334	45,000		285,334
Total capital assets	\$ 11,360,688	82,780	681,055	10,762,413

Business-type activities:

	Balance Oct. 1, 2018	Additions	Deletions	Balance Sept. 30, 2019
Land	\$ 1,516			1,516
Mobile equipment	224,824			224,824
Leased property under capital leases		332,400		332,400
Total capital assets	\$ 226,340	332,400	0	558,740

FRANKLIN COUNTY
Schedule of Changes in Long-term Debt
For the Year Ended September 30, 2019
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The following is a summary of changes in long-term liabilities and obligations for the year ended September 30, 2019:

Description and Purpose	Issue Date	Maturity Date	Interest Rate	Balance Oct. 1, 2018	Issued	Principal Payments	Balance Sept. 30, 2019
Governmental Activities:							
A. General Obligation Bonds:							
Hospital Bond - Series 2003	10/01/2003	07/01/2023	2.00-5.50%	\$ 520,000		90,000	430,000
B. Capital Leases:							
District 5 - Long arm and tractor	02/03/2017	02/03/2020	2.52%	48,992		48,992	
John Deere motor grader	08/20/2018	08/20/2023	2.75%	236,593		165,297	71,296
District 1 - Backhoe	06/15/2019	06/15/2023	3.38%		45,000	2,575	42,425
Total				\$ 805,585	45,000	306,864	543,721
Business-type Activities:							
A. Capital Leases:							
(2) Solid Waste trucks	04/30/2019	04/29/2023	3.59%	\$ 0	332,400	25,611	306,789

The accompanying notes to the Other Information are an integral part of this schedule.

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Schedule of Surety Bonds for County Officials
For the Year Ended September 30, 2019
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Name	Position	Company	Bond
Gary Cameron	Supervisor District 1	Western Surety	\$100,000
David Southerland	Supervisor District 2	FCCI	\$100,000
Mike Hunt	Supervisor District 3	Western Surety	\$100,000
Jerry Howell	Supervisor District 4	FCCI	\$100,000
Jimmie Bass	Supervisor District 5	FCCI	\$100,000
Jill Gilbert	Chancery Clerk	FCCI	\$100,000
Amanda Perry	Purchase Clerk	FCCI	\$75,000
Jill Gilbert	Assistant Purchase Clerk	FCCI	\$50,000
Melanie Harrell	Receiving Clerk	FCCI	\$75,000
Lawrence Foley	Assistant Receiving Clerk	FCCI	\$50,000
James Russell	Assistant Receiving Clerk	FCCI	\$50,000
Thomas Sullivan	Assistant Receiving Clerk	FCCI	\$50,000
Heath Woodcock	Assistant Receiving Clerk	FCCI	\$50,000
Vickie Young	Assistant Receiving Clerk	FCCI	\$50,000
Tullie Ford	Assistant Receiving Clerk	FCCI	\$50,000
Derrick Sullivan	Assistant Receiving Clerk	Western Surety	\$50,000
Tonya Blackwell	Inventory Control Clerk	FCCI	\$75,000
Charles Brown	Constable	FCCI	\$50,000
Tommy Myers	Constable	FCCI	\$50,000
Warren Walker	Circuit Clerk	FCCI	\$100,000
Hannah Duncan	Deputy Circuit Clerk	FCCI	\$50,000
Melissa Bales	Deputy Circuit Clerk	Western Surety	\$10,000
James Newman	Sheriff	FCCI	\$100,000
Otis Dyer	Sheriff's Deputy (hired under Section 45-5-9 Miss. Code Ann. (1972))	FCCI	\$50,000
Gordon Dover	Sheriff's Deputy (hired under Section 45-5-9 Miss. Code Ann. (1972))	FCCI	\$50,000
Roger Causey	Sheriff's Deputy (hired under Section 45-5-9 Miss. Code Ann. (1972))	FCCI	\$50,000
Arturo Delagarza	Sheriff's Deputy (hired under Section 45-5-9 Miss. Code Ann. (1972))	FCCI	\$50,000
Lee Turner	Sheriff's Deputy (hired under Section 45-5-9 Miss. Code Ann. (1972))	Western Surety	\$50,000
Terry Blake Wilkinson	Sheriff's Deputy (hired under Section 45-5-9 Miss. Code Ann. (1972))	FCCI	\$50,000
Elmo Gabbert	Sheriff's Deputy (hired under Section 45-5-9 Miss. Code Ann. (1972))	FCCI	\$50,000
Tommy Tindle	Sheriff's Deputy (hired under Section 45-5-9 Miss. Code Ann. (1972))	FCCI	\$50,000
Ricky O'Quinn	Justice Court Judge	Western Surety	\$50,000
Jerry Crane	Justice Court Judge	FCCI	\$50,000
Gladys Wilcher	Justice Court Clerk	FCCI	\$50,000
Jennifer Wallace	Deputy Justice Court Clerk	FCCI	\$50,000
Jeff Mullins	Tax Assessor-Collector	FCCI	\$100,000
Rhonda Farris	Deputy Tax Assessor	FCCI	\$10,000
Rhonda Farris	Deputy Tax Collector	FCCI	\$50,000
Vickie Young	Deputy Tax Collector	FCCI	\$50,000
Traci Carraway	Deputy Tax Collector	FCCI	\$50,000
Debra Wactor	Solid Waste Clerk	FCCI	\$50,000
Percy Peeler	Coroner	FCCI	\$2,000

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Notes to Other Information For the Year Ended September 30, 2019 UNAUDITED

(1) Budgetary Comparison Information.

A. Budgetary Information.

Statutory requirements dictate how and when the County's budget is to be prepared. Generally, in the month of August, prior to the ensuing fiscal year beginning each October 1, the Board of Supervisors of the County, using historical and anticipated fiscal data and proposed budgets submitted by the Sheriff and the Tax Assessor-Collector for his or her respective department, prepares an original budget for each of the Governmental Funds for said fiscal year. The completed budget for the fiscal year includes for each fund every source of receipt, each general item of disbursement, and the unencumbered cash and investment balances. When during the fiscal year it appears to the Board of Supervisors that budgetary estimates will not be met, it may make revisions to the budget.

The County's budget is prepared principally on the cash basis of accounting. All appropriations lapse at year end, and there are no encumbrances to budget because state law does not require that funds be available when goods or services are ordered, only when payment is made.

B. Basis of Presentation.

The Budgetary Comparison Schedule - Budget and Actual presents the original legally adopted budget, the final legally adopted budget, actual amounts on a budgetary basis and variances between the final budget and the actual amounts. The schedule is presented for the General Fund and the major Special Revenue Fund.

(2) Long-term Debt Information:

A. Legal Debt Margin - The amount of debt, excluding specific exempted debt that can be incurred by the County is limited by state statute. Total outstanding debt during a year can be no greater than 15% of assessed value of the taxable property within the County, according to the then last completed assessment for taxation. However, the limitation is increased to 20% whenever a county issues bonds to repair or replace washed out or collapsed bridges on the public roads of the county. As of September 30, 2019, the amount of outstanding debt was less than one percent of the latest property assessments.

B. Subsequent Events.

Subsequent to September 30, 2019, the County issued the following debt obligations:

<u>Issue Date</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Issue Amount</u>	<u>Type of Financing</u>	<u>Source of Financing</u>
03/18/2020	3.19-3.37%	\$ 238,000	Capital lease	Ad valorem taxes
07/06/2020	1.75%	154,580	Loan	Ad valorem taxes

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STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
OFFICE OF THE STATE AUDITOR
SHAD WHITE
AUDITOR

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON
COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED
IN ACCORDANCE WITH *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS*

Members of the Board of Supervisors
Franklin County, Mississippi

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the cash basis financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Franklin County, Mississippi (the County), as of and for the year ended September 30, 2019, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the County's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated April 12, 2021. Our report includes an adverse opinion on the aggregate discretely presented component units due to the omission of the discretely presented component units which are required by accounting principles applicable to the County's cash basis of accounting to be reported with the financial data of the County's primary government unless the County also issues financial statements for the financial reporting entity that include the financial data for its component units.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Franklin County, Mississippi's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Franklin County, Mississippi's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the County's internal control.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that have not been identified. However, as described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Responses, we identified certain deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses and significant deficiencies.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. We consider the deficiency described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Responses as 2019-001 to be a material weakness.

A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance. We consider the deficiency described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Responses as 2019-002 to be a significant deficiency.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Franklin County, Mississippi's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed an instance of noncompliance or other matter that is required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* and which is described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Responses as item 2019-001.

We noted certain matters that we reported to the management of Franklin County, Mississippi, in the Limited Internal Control and Compliance Review Management Report dated April 12, 2021, included within this document.

Franklin County's Responses to Findings

Franklin County's responses to the findings identified in our audit are described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Responses. Franklin County's responses were not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on them.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the result of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.



JOE E. MCKNIGHT, CPA
Director, County Audit Section

April 12, 2021



STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
OFFICE OF THE STATE AUDITOR
SHAD WHITE
AUDITOR

**INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON CENTRAL PURCHASING SYSTEM, INVENTORY CONTROL
SYSTEM AND PURCHASE CLERK SCHEDULES
(AS REQUIRED BY SECTION 31-7-115, MISS. CODE ANN. (1972))**

Members of the Board of Supervisors
Franklin County, Mississippi

We have examined Franklin County, Mississippi's (the County) compliance with establishing and maintaining a central purchasing system and inventory control system in accordance with Sections 31-7-101 through 31-7-127, Miss. Code Ann. (1972) and compliance with the purchasing requirements in accordance with the bid requirements of Section 31-7-13, Miss. Code Ann. (1972) during the year ended September 30, 2019. The Board of Supervisors of Franklin County, Mississippi is responsible for the County's compliance with those requirements. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the County's compliance based on our examination.

Our examination was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and, accordingly, included examining, on a test basis, evidence about the County's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe our examination provides a reasonable basis for our opinion. Our examination does not provide a legal determination on the County's compliance with specified requirements. The Board of Supervisors of Franklin County, Mississippi, has established centralized purchasing for all funds of the County and has established an inventory control system. The objective of the central purchasing system is to provide reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that purchases are executed in accordance with state law.

Because of inherent limitations in any central purchasing system and inventory system, errors or irregularities may occur and not be detected. Also, projection of any current evaluation of the system to future periods is subject to the risk that procedures may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or that the degree of compliance with the procedures may deteriorate.

In our opinion, Franklin County, Mississippi complied, in all material respects, with state laws governing central purchasing, inventory and bid requirements for the year ended September 30, 2019.

The accompanying schedules of (1) Purchases Not Made from the Lowest Bidder, (2) Emergency Purchases and (3) Purchases Made Noncompetitively from a Sole Source are presented in accordance with Section 31-7-115, Miss. Code Ann. (1972). The information contained on these schedules has been subjected to procedures performed in connection with our aforementioned examination of the purchasing system and, in our opinion, is fairly presented when considered in relation to that examination.

This report is intended for use in evaluating the central purchasing system and inventory control system of Franklin County, Mississippi, and is not intended to be and should not be relied upon for any other purpose. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe E. Mcknight". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending from the end.

JOE E. MCKNIGHT, CPA
Director, County Audit Section

April 12, 2021

FRANKLIN COUNTY

Schedule 1

Schedule of Purchases From Other Than the Lowest Bidder

For the Year Ended September 30, 2019

Our tests did not identify any purchases from other than the lowest bidder.

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Schedule of Emergency Purchases
For the Year Ended September 30, 2019

Schedule 2

Our tests did not identify any emergency purchases.

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Schedule 3

Schedule of Purchases Made Noncompetitively From a Sole Source
For the Year Ended September 30, 2019

Our tests did not identify any purchases made noncompetitively from a sole source.

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LIMITED INTERNAL CONTROL AND COMPLIANCE REVIEW MANAGEMENT REPORT

Members of the Board of Supervisors
Franklin County, Mississippi

In planning and performing our audit of the cash basis financial statements of Franklin County, Mississippi (the County) for the year ended September 30, 2019, we considered Franklin County, Mississippi's internal control to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on internal control.

In addition, for areas not considered material to Franklin County, Mississippi's financial reporting, we have performed some additional limited internal control and state legal compliance review procedures as identified in the state legal compliance audit program issued by the Office of the State Auditor. Our procedures were substantially less in scope than an audit, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion on the County's compliance with these requirements. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. This report does not affect our report dated April 12, 2021, on the financial statements of Franklin County, Mississippi.

Due to the reduced scope, these review procedures and compliance tests cannot and do not provide absolute assurance that all state legal requirements have been complied with. Also, our consideration of internal control would not necessarily disclose all matters within the internal control that might be weaknesses. In accordance with Section 7-7-211, Miss. Code Ann. (1972), the Office of the State Auditor, when deemed necessary, may conduct additional procedures and tests of transactions for this or other fiscal years to ensure compliance with legal requirements.

The results of our review procedures and compliance tests identified certain areas that are opportunities for strengthening internal controls and operating efficiency. Our findings, recommendations, and your responses are disclosed below:

Board of Supervisors.

1. Copiah-Lincoln Community College tax levy should be no lower than the previous year.

Repeat Finding No

Criteria Section 37-29-141(1), Miss. Code Ann. (1972), states that no county shall levy a smaller tax millage for capital improvements and general support of a junior college district than was levied for the previous year, unless requested to make such reduction by the board of trustees of the district. When a county has a general reassessment of property to increase the county ad valorem tax assessments, such county may reduce the millage for general support and capital improvements, provided that its aggregate budget for junior college purposes is not lower than was paid the previous year.

Condition The County reduced the tax levy for the Copiah-Lincoln Community College by 0.31 mills, which reduced the total amount the County contributed to the community college by \$17,298.

Cause The County did not comply with state laws.

Effect By reducing the tax millage for capital improvements and general support for the community college from the amount that was levied in the previous year, the County is not in compliance with state legal requirements.

Recommendation The Board of Supervisors should not reduce the tax levy for the Copiah-Lincoln Community College to an amount that is less than the amount levied in the previous year.

Views of Responsible Official(s) We will comply.

Board of Supervisors / Payroll Clerk.

2. PERS Retirees should not be paid more than one-half of the salary of their positions.

Repeat Finding No

Criteria Section 25-11-127(4)(a), Miss. Code Ann. (1972), requires retirees to receive no more than one-half of the salary in effect for the position at the time of employment in a fiscal year.

Condition During test work, it was noted that two PERS retirees were paid more than one-half of the salary for their positions during fiscal year 2019.

Cause The Board of Supervisors and Payroll Clerk did not comply with state laws.

Effect Failure to comply with state law regarding compensation of retired employees could result in retired employees being over compensated. By overpaying PERS retirees, the County is not in compliance with state legal requirements.

Recommendation The County should ensure that PERS retirees are not being paid more than the allowable amount.

Views of Responsible Official(s) We will comply.

Circuit Clerk and Deputy Circuit Clerks.

3. Deputy Circuit Clerks should be bonded as required by state statute.

Repeat Finding No

Criteria Section 9-7-123(2), Miss. Code Ann. (1972), requires that each Deputy Circuit Clerk be bonded for three (3%) of the prior year's taxes with a minimum of \$50,000 and maximum of \$100,000.

Condition During test work, it was noted that a Deputy Circuit Clerk was only bonded for \$10,000 in fiscal year 2019.

Cause The County did not comply with state laws.

Effect Failure to comply with state law would limit the amount available for recovery if a loss occurred.

Recommendation The County should ensure that all Deputy Circuit Clerks are bonded in accordance with state law.

Views of Responsible Official(s) We will comply.

Franklin County's responses to the findings included in this report were not audited, and accordingly, we express no opinion on them.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management, the Board of Supervisors, and others within the entity and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these parties. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Joe E. McKnight". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Joe" and last name "McKnight" clearly legible.

JOE E. MCKNIGHT, CPA
Director, County Audit Section

April 12, 2021

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SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES

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Schedule of Findings and Responses For the Year Ended September 30, 2019

Section 1: Summary of Auditor's Results

Financial Statements:

1. Type of auditor's report issued on the financial statements:

Governmental activities	Unmodified
Business-type activities	Unmodified
Aggregate discretely presented component units	Adverse
General Fund	Unmodified
Hospital Contingency Fund	Unmodified
Sanitation and Waste Removal Fund	Unmodified
Aggregate remaining fund information	Unmodified
2. Internal control over financial reporting:
 - a. Material weaknesses identified? Yes
 - b. Significant deficiency identified? Yes
3. Noncompliance material to the financial statements noted? Yes

Section 2: Financial Statement Findings

Board of Supervisors.

Material Weakness

Material Noncompliance

2019-001.	<u>County signed warrants without sufficient money.</u>
Repeat Finding	Yes
Criteria	Section 19-13-43, Miss. Code Ann.(1972), prohibits the signing of warrants or the delivery of warrants until there is sufficient money in the fund upon which it is drawn to pay the same.
Condition	As reported in the prior three years' audit reports, warrants were issued on a fund which did not have sufficient money to pay the warrants. As of September 30, 2019, the Tiger Grant Fund had a negative cash balance of \$92,220.
Cause	The County did not comply with state laws.
Effect	Failure to have sufficient cash balances in County funds prior to issuing warrants on the fund resulted in other funds' cash being used for purposes other than their intended purposes. This situation could result in the Board of Supervisors being held personally liable for such amounts.
Recommendation	The Board of Supervisors should ensure that no warrants are signed or delivered until there is sufficient money in the fund upon which it is drawn to pay the same, as required by law.
Views of Responsible Official(s)	We will comply.

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Significant Deficiency

2019-002.	<u>The County should establish controls to ensure fifty percent of National Forest Distribution Title I funds are settled to the schools.</u>
Repeat Finding	Yes
Criteria	During fiscal year 2019, Franklin County received \$683,864 in National Forest Distribution Title I funds, a portion of the Secure Rural Schools Act State payments, which are used to benefit public schools and public roads in counties where national forests are located. Upon receipt of these funds, fifty percent of the total received should be settled to the County's public school.
Condition	As reported in the prior year's audit report, we noted one National Forest Distribution Title I payment that was not settled to the County's public school. The County received a total of twelve (12) National Forest Distribution Title I payments during fiscal year 2019.
Cause	The County lacked the necessary controls to ensure fifty percent of the total received from the Secure Rural School Act State payments was settled to the County's public school.
Effect	Failure to properly settle the Secure Rural School Act State payments resulted in an overstatement of the County's receipts in the amount of \$6,057 for fiscal year 2019.
Recommendation	The Board of Supervisors should take the necessary steps to ensure that fifty percent of the total National Forest Distribution Title I funds are properly settled to the County's public schools.
Views of Responsible Official(s)	We have complied.